**The Universal Prayer**

**Second Sunday of Lent**

**16th March 2025**

Celebrant: Brothers and sisters, God directed Peter, James and John,

to listen to Jesus, his *Son, the Chosen One*. With confidence, we bring these petitions to the God of Mercies.

1. That Pope Francis may feel the presence of Jesus with him as he continues to suffer so much and that the prayer of the Church will bring him comfort.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

1. That as we gather for this Eucharist, we will in our hearts, have the same emotion as St Peter: *Master, it is wonderful for us to be here.*

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

1. That every Catholic will, during this Lent, listen to the word of Jesus

found in our Sacred Scriptures.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

1. That we will look into the stars of the heavens, like Abraham, and see in them a sign of the all the peoples of the world whom God has chosen as his own in Christ.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

1. That those who struggle with and are distressed by temptation

will follow the advice of St Paul and *not give way, but remain faithful to the Lord.*

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

1. That through our support of Project Compassion help will be given to the

people of Gaza, Ukraine and Sudan.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

1. That the departed will find their true homeland in heaven where they will be transformed in the glory of Christ.

We also remember..

Lord, have mercy

**Lord, have mercy.**

Celebrant: Lord of light and salvation,

we seek your face, ever visible

in the person of the poor and vulnerable,

that we may serve you, through them, with dedication.

Through Christ our Lord.

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**The Universal Prayer**

**Monday 17th March 2025**

**St Patrick, Patron of the Archdiocese**

Transferred from Sunday 17th March

Celebrant: Dear friends, Jesus is with us to help us grow toward

that perfection and compassion found in the

heart of the Father.

1. That the prayer of the Church will sustain Pope Francis with hope

as he continues to unite his suffering with those of Jesus.

Lord, have mercy.

1. That all who form the Archdiocese of Adelaide, with the leadership of our Archbishop Patrick, will be encouraged by the life and example of St Patrick, who lived his life in the presence of Jesus.

Lord, have mercy.

1. That missionaries across the world will be fired with the dedication

and energy of St Patrick, and love the people they serve with great generosity. Lord, have mercy.

1. That the People of Ireland and Nigeria, the St Patrick’s community and school at Mansfield Park, St Patrick’s Special School at Dulwich, St Patrick’s Technical College at Elizabeth, and the communities at St Patrick’s in the city, will be filled with grace this day.

Lord, have mercy.

1. That all who suffer because they believe in Jesus Christ will desire to enter more fully into his Divine Mystery.

Lord, have mercy.

1. That the people of Palestine and Ukraine will receive justice and peace. Lord, have mercy.

Celebrant: We pray with St Patrick:

Christ be with me, Christ within me,  
Christ behind me, Christ before me,  
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,  
Christ to comfort and restore me.  
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,  
Christ in hearts of all that love me,  
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

**The Universal Prayer**

**Tuesday 18th March 2025**

**The Universal Prayer**

Celebrant: My friends,

Jesus calls us to be sincere in our Christian living.

1. That the Church throughout the world will be united in prayer for the well-being and peace of Pope Francis.

Lord, have mercy.

1. That the Church will not be without its teachers who lead by example

and who communicate with humility and simplicity.

Lord, have mercy.

1. That all who are tempted to make a show of their religious practices

may learn how to be humble in their love of God and neighbour.

Lord, have mercy.

1. That every person on earth may heed the call of the prophet Isaiah and cease to do evil, learn to do good, search for justice and help the oppressed.

Lord, have mercy.

1. That the people of Gaza and the Occupied West Bank, Syria, Ukraine and Russian, the Democratic Republic of Congo and Myanmar will be delivered from the present evil of constant violence.

Lord, have mercy.

1. That we, through supporting Project Compassion, Australia Catholics will

help the world overcome hunger, especially in Sudan.

Lord, have mercy.

Celebrant: Saving God, receive now our thanksgiving sacrifice

and unite us to your Son, Jesus Christ

who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

**The Universal Prayer**

**Wednesday 19th March 2025**

**St Joseph, Spouse of the Virgin Mary**

Celebrant: Joseph was chosen by the Father to guide and protect Jesus and Mary in a bond of love and respect. Inspired

by his faithfulness we turn to the Father in prayer.

1. May the Universal Church, under the patronage of St Joseph, surround

Pope Francis with prayer today, the 12th anniversary of the inauguration of his ministry as Bishop of Rome, so that he is sustained in his present illness.

Lord, have mercy.

2. May family life be blessed with love and respect

as was the family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

Lord, have mercy.

3. May all in the Archdiocese who have been placed under the patronage of St Joseph be united in their faith and be generous in their charity:

the parishes of Brighton, Tranmere, Willunga, and Penola, the community of Two Wells and the St Joseph Schools at Hindmarsh, Hectorville, Norwood, Kingswood, Ottoway, Payneham, Murray Bridge, Penola and Tranmere. Lord, have mercy.

4. May the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart, founded this day in 1866, along with their Associates, continue their ministry in education, parish ministry, pastoral and aged care, and prayerful retirement in Australia, New Zealand, Ireland, and Peru.

Lord, have mercy.

5 May there be peace in all countries dedicated to St Joseph: Austria,

Canada, Mexico, Belgium, Peru, Russia and Vietnam and for the

Church’s mission in China. Lord, have mercy.

6 May St Joseph look with loving care upon the land of his birth and life,

torn apart now by violence, corruption and injustice. Lord, have mercy.

Celebrant: Father, in St Joseph we see the just man, who full of integrity, served your Son with total devotion. Increase

our love for Jesus Christ, and make us his faithful disciples, now and forever.

**The Universal Prayer**

**Thursday 20th March 2025**

**Second Week of Lent**

Celebrant: Sisters and brothers, the story of Jesus about the rich man

and Lazarus continues to call Christians to a deeper sense of justice and mercy.

1. We pray that Pope Francis will receive hope and strength and that those caring for him will be sustained in their efforts.

Lord, have mercy

1. We pray for hearts made sincere by God, so that our thoughts and actions are not devious, bringing harm to others.

Lord, have mercy

1. We pray that this International Day of Happiness will help us all to

find joy in helping one another, especially those burdened with poverty and distress.

Lord, have mercy

1. We pray on this ‘Close the Gap Day’ in Australia, that governments and citizens working together will ensure survival, dignity and well-being for our First Nations People.

Lord, have mercy.

1. We pray for people trapped in war, violence and hunger – Palestine and Israel, Ukraine and Russia, Myanmar, Sudan and the Democratic Republic of Congo – that delivered from so much suffering, they will experience happiness again.

Lord, have mercy.

Celebrant: Almighty God, guard the way of the just

so that they can be steadfast in their faith.

Through Christ our Lord.

**The Universal Prayer**

**Friday 21st March 2025**

**Second Week of Lent**

Celebrant: Sisters and brothers,

having been nourished on the word of God,

we now prepare to offer the sacrifice of the Mass.

1. We pray for Pope Francis that he may be sustained in his many needs,

be united with Jesus in prayer and be blessed with hope.

Lord, have mercy.

1. We pray that we may unite ourselves with Jesus Christ

and offer ourselves with him to the heavenly Father.

Lord, have mercy.

1. We pray for families where rivalry among brothers and sisters

brings harm, that the Spirit of Christ may lead them to reconciliation.

Lord, have mercy.

1. We pray on this International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, (known in Australia as Harmony Day,) that the increase

of discrimination being experienced across the world now, will diminish through the grace of God and the goodwill of people.

Lord, have mercy.

5 We pray on this World Down Syndrome Day for those who live with this

condition that their natural spirit of joy will enrich their families and dispel any discrimination or injustice directed toward them.

Lord, have mercy

6 That eternal rest will come to the victims of the Palestinian-Israeli and

Ukraine-Russian wars, (and to Archbishop James Gleeson, former Archbishop of Adelaide who died this day in 2000.)

Lord, have mercy.

Celebrant: Lord our God, bless our fragile world

so that justice and mercy enrich all our lives.

Through Christ our Lord.

**The Universal Prayer**

**Saturday 22nd March 2025**

**Second Week of Lent**

Celebrant: Dear friends, the story of the Prodigal Son

always moves us to reverence

the compassion and mercy of God.

1. That Pope Francis, who has been a constant witness to compassion

in his ministry, will experience the compassion of God as he continues to suffer.

Lord, have mercy.

1. That we may identify with the Prodigal Son

and seek the mercy of the Father.

Lord, have mercy

1. That the forgiving love of the father may be a model for us

when we are seriously hurt by someone else.

Lord, have mercy.

1. That the Holy Spirit may burn from our hearts

any feeling of resentment which we might harbour

towards anyone who has hurt or upset us, especially within our families.

Lord, have mercy.

1. That our faith in God’s mercy may be strong as we realise that when we repent he casts our sins to the depths of the ocean.

Lord, have mercy.

1. That on this International Water Day we pray for the particular needs of peoples caught up in war and drought, that justice will ensure the delivery of water, and good rains will make the land fertile again.

Lord, have mercy.

Celebrant: Father and King, we offer our thanks to you,

and pray that this time of Lent

may renew us in Christ your Son,

who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

**Petitions suitable if Pope Francis should die**

**Sunday 16th March**

1. For the eternal rest of Pope Francis,

that as he was a loyal servant of Jesus and the Church,

he may enter the Father’s heavenly home.

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

1. For the Universal Church, that united in prayer

on the death of Pope Francis,

we will be consoled through his ministry to the world.

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Monday 17th March**

1. May Pope Francis rest now from his work of service

so that his good deeds will escort him into the arms of Jesus.

Lord, hear us.

1. May the Cardinals, traveling to Rome for the Conclave,

be safe and prayerful, open to the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Lord, hear us.

**Tuesday 18th March**

1. That Pope Francis will be welcomed into heaven

by Mary and all the Saints, and rejoice in the

eternal life of the Trinity.

Lord, hear us.

1. That the Cardinals of the Church will feel the power

of the prayer throughout the Church as they prepare to enter the Conclave and elect the new successor of St. Peter.

Lord, hear us.

**Wednesday 19th March**

1. May God prepare the heavenly Jerusalem

to receive the soul of Pope Francis

so that his hopes will be realized in Jesus.

Lord, have mercy.

1. May the Church be united in prayer for the Cardinals

who will soon elect the next Pope so that hope

reigns in every heart.

Lord, have mercy.

**Thursday 20th March**

1. We pray for Pope Francis that the eternal rest and joy of Jesus

will be showered upon him after his life of unselfish service.

Lord, have mercy.

1. We pray for all who will arrange and assist in the Conclave

so that the Cardinals will enter it prayerfully, hopefully

and calmly for the good of the whole Church.

Lord, have mercy.

**Friday 21th March**

1. We pray that Pope Francis will receive the reward of eternal

life after a life of service to the People of God and all humanity.

Lord, have mercy.

1. We pray that the whole Church will be united in prayer,

assisting the Cardinals with hope, as they ponder in their hearts

a worthy Pope to follow Pope Francis.

Lord, have mercy.

**Saturday 22th March**

1. That the doors of heaven will be thrown open to receive

the soul of Pope Francis as he finally sees God as he really is.

Lord, have mercy.

1. That each Cardinal will scrutinize his heart carefully and prayerfully

that he may vote in the approaching Conclave with a clear conscience.

Lord, have mercy.